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COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD

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State may cut funding for higher education

Medicaid, prison expenses require more state funds

BY KELLY RICHARDSON
Herald reporter

Higher education may be affordable to the average Kentuckian, but state legislators may have trouble footing the bill.

Money for higher education could become harder to find in the next state

budget for 2006-08 because the funding is needed elsewhere in the state.

State Budget Director Brad Cowgill made a presentation on the issue, at a Strategic Committee on Post-Secondary Education meeting earlier this week which was attended by members of the higher education community.

There was also a presentation made at the SCOPE meeting about the affordability of college in Kentucky. The Council on Post-Secondary

Education did a study to define affordability, said John Hicks, the interim deputy state budget director.

The affordability study determined that what students were able to pay while earning minimum wage is what was affordable, Hicks said. The study said that goal is attainable in Kentucky.

President Gary Ransdell said Kentucky colleges were determined to be more affordable than many other states.

He said the perception that the price

of college has "spiraled out of control" comes from recent tuition increases.

Tuition at Western increased 15.7 percent from the 2004-05 year to this academic year.

But some legislatures and members of the higher education community are worried about how long Kentucky higher education will be affordable.

Ron Carson, a senior fellow at CPE, said Cowgill was trying to predict the money issues the state would have when he made the presentation.

Even though new money is coming in, there are other areas where the money is needed, such as Medicaid and prisons. Giving money to other priorities could make funding for Kentucky higher education difficult, Carson said.

There is as much as a \$132 million shortfall for the Medicaid program, said Hicks.

Cowgill also predicted that Medicaid could exceed the amount of

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Jesse Osbourne/Herald

Director of Facilities Management Tom Riley, center, and Greg Fear, manager of campus services, took pictures of areas on campus that needed more lighting or needed repairs done to existing lighting Tuesday night in front of Cherry Hall. Riley and Fear were participating in the Student Government Association's annual Campus Safety Walk to improve lighting conditions on campus.

Walk sheds light on campus safety

Top of the Hill has the most safety concerns

BY ALEX FONTANA
Herald reporter

Halloween is a month away, but administrators and Student Government Association members walked with flashlights Tuesday night on the Hill.

They weren't looking for candy, but were searching for safety problems around buildings and walkways at Western.

The group of students and administrators conducted the fifth annual

Campus Safety Walk to find poorly lit areas and other safety problems on campus.

Some of the administrators included Howard Bailey, dean of student life, and Campus Police Chief Robert Deane.

The team combed the Hill for two hours searching for spots that could be potentially dangerous. They started in the Valley and walked from the top to the bottom of the Hill, investigating dark areas and observing changes that have been made since last year's walk.

Safety at Western has improved because there is more lighting around campus, said Gene Tice, vice president of student affairs and campus services.

There are more lights at the top of the Hill around Potter and Van Meter halls, Tice said.

But some of those lamps aren't working, leaving pedestrian paths in the dark. Lights were out around Potter, Grise Hall and Science and Technology Hall.

"It's almost like the whole circuit is down," Tice said.

The problems are caused by a bad electrical connection, Tice said.

The problems will be fixed by December, said John Osborne, associate vice president of campus services and facilities.

Osborne said the lights were not badly damaged.

"It's correctable," he said.

"That's why we're here."

Western will fix bad connections and add new lights at problem areas as well as scale back trees and shrubs that block lights, Tice said.

"I think we'll be in much better condition," Osborne said.

The area behind Gilbert Hall also was dimly lit. The only light in the area came from the electrical plant and dorm room windows.

Tice said the bulletin board near Cherry Hall and Garrett Conference Center is an area of concern. Torn flyers and thumbtacks were scattered across the board and no light was shining on or around it.

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City votes for prepay gas stations

Ordinance would take effect Jan. 1

BY ANDREW McNAMARA
Herald reporter

Drivers in Bowling Green may have to get their money ready before they pay for gas next year.

The Bowling Green City Commission passed 3-2 a city ordinance Tuesday night that requires all gas station customers to pay before pumping.

The ordinance would take effect Jan. 1, 2006 if it passes at the second reading Oct. 4.

Mayor Elaine Walker and Commissioners Brian "Slim" Nash and Delane Simpson

voted in favor of the law. Commissioners Brian Strow and Mark Alcott

opposed it. The commissioners discussed the legislation at their

meeting for about a half hour in front of a crowd of nine people. No gas station

owners or managers were at the meeting.

The ordinance is meant to stop gas station drive-offs, which rose by about 103 percent between 2002 and 2004 in Bowling Green, according to the ordinance. The rates were expected to rise by almost 28 percent in 2005.

"From what I know, every gas station has a problem with drive-offs," said Terry Holloway, a second shift clerk at Jr. Food's gas station on Center Street.

The owners of gas stations who do not make the necessary changes to have pre-pay pumps if the law passes could face fines from \$5 to \$500 and/or as long as a year in prison.

Bowling Green police officers presented the proposal to commissioners at a Sept. 6 work session.

There have been about 500 reported drive-offs this year, said Bill Waltrip, chief of the Bowling Green police. About 100 of those cases were brought to court and 19 offenders were prosecuted, he said.

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Dining Services will purchase fresh produce from local farms

Organic foods may also become available

BY MACKENZIE ERD
Herald reporter

Diners at Western's food service locations will be able to enjoy fresh produce grown just miles away this fall.

Dining Services will be purchasing fresh produce from Kentucky farms through the Kentucky Proud Program.

Hungry students may be able to taste fresh produce as soon as the Halloween season, Dining Services Director Fred Milder said. The fresh produce will be available in the Garrett Food Court, RedZone and the Fresh Food Company.

Food service's main goal with the program was to increase the amount

of fresh, healthy food to students and staff, Milder said.

Organic food also may be introduced if students request those products, but it may take some time.

"We're taking baby steps," Milder said. "The growing season is almost over, so we may have to wait until April."

Cycso Distributions has been Western's food source for the past few years and Western will continue to get food from them through the winter.

FreshPoint Ovens in Nashville is another produce distributor Dining Services is considering using along with the Kentucky Proud Program.

"The Kentucky Proud Program does offer livestock, milk and cheese," Milder said. "But for the time being, we are sticking to just produce."

All money for produce comes from Dining Services.

Roy Biggers, senior food services director, said a lot of students come from farms in Kentucky, so this program will be beneficial to their families and friends as well as the economy and health.

"It's taking care of your own," Biggers said.

Cincinnati senior Cameron Knight said he thought this would help Western become a bigger part of the community.

"It's nice we're becoming a statewide player," he said. "This will help Kentucky as a whole."

Glasgow junior Stefanie Bragg said Western needs more fresh produce in the food courts.

"I get tired of the fast food here," Bragg said. "And I come from a farm, so this is great news to me."

Reach Mackenzie Erd at news@wkuherald.com.



Nathan Morgan/Herald

Students who eat fresh food provided by Dining Services will soon be enjoying state-grown produce as Western plans to purchase food from area suppliers.

INSIDE

Come on, big money

For the first time, all revenues from the Kentucky Lottery will go to benefit higher education. Page 3.

Local heroes

Several students in the National Guard have been called to help with hurricane relief. Page 7.






Volleyball

The Lady Toppers help raise money to fight cancer. Page 12.

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Crime Reports

Reports

◆Rodney Hull, Housing and Residence Life, reported on Sept. 15 two glass panels broken on a Pepsi vending machine in the kitchen on the first floor of Northeast Hall. The value of the damage was \$500.

◆Krista L. Cropper, Minum Hall, reported on Sept. 16 her Sony compact disc player stolen from her 1998 Chrysler convertible parked on the seventh floor of Parking Structure 1. The value of the theft was \$200.

◆Christopher A. Young, Rhodes-Hartlin Hall, reported on Sept. 17 his Apple iPod stolen from his room. The value of the theft was \$424.

◆Allison C. Schmitt, Rodex, reported on Sept. 18 \$40 cash and 15 CDs stolen from her 1994 Honda Civic parked in the Kentucky Street lot. She also reported damage to her driver's side window and CD player. The value of the theft was \$220 and the value of the damage was \$400.

◆Adam B. Whitt, Bates-Rumler Hall, reported on Sept. 18 two speakers, a subwoofer and an amplifier stolen from his 2005 Toyota Tacoma parked on the third floor of Parking Structure 1. He also reported damage to his back sliding window. The value of the theft was \$510 and the value of the damage was \$75.

◆James A. Logsdon, McCormack Hall, reported on Sept. 19 his CD player, 30 CDs,

parking permit and cell phone charger stolen from his Dodge Neon parked on the fifth floor of Parking Structure 1. The value of the theft was \$830.

◆Jessica M. Mills, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported on Sept. 19 her 35 mm Canon camera stolen from the second floor lobby at PFT. The value of the theft was \$200.

◆Andrew C. Tomlin, PFT, reported on Sept. 19 his Verizon-Motorola flip phone stolen while tailgating on DUC South Lawn. The value of the theft was \$75.

◆Jennifer M. Johnson, Poland Hall, reported on Sept. 20 her Samsung camera phone stolen from the Information Lab in Helm-Cravens Library. The value of the theft was \$200.

Arrests

◆Luis M. Diefo, Lake Worth, Fla., was arrested on Sept. 16 for driving under the influence, disregarding a stop sign and disregarding a "no left turn" sign on University Boulevard and Creation Street. He was released on Sept. 17 on a \$1,000 cash bond.

◆Earnest D. Schuller, PFT, was arrested on Sept. 17 for public intoxication in Pearce-Ford lot. He was released Sept. 18 for time served.

◆Wesley A. Smith, Portland, Tenn., was arrested on Sept. 20 for public intoxication outside of Keen. He was released yesterday for time served.

2 Day

By the numbers

- 5** Days per week mail is delivered in Canada. Saturday delivery was stopped in 1969.
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say with your jaw dropped for a few seconds before you actually say the word. You know what I mean? Yes, my friends, this was one of the coolest things I have ever seen.

So for those of you who missed Chris Martin's dancing across the stage in slow motion, the crowd's thundering energy and the lights' shining rhythm across the space between us, perhaps you'll experience this next time around. And for those of you who wept, "The future's for discoverin'."

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Technology

Fewer students using library

BY SAMANTHA HUFMAN
Herald reporter

Long hours spent in the library pouring over books and articles for a research paper may be a fading part of higher education.

Students have less of a need to go to the library to get materials as more resources become available online.

Google now has an academic search for scholarly papers and articles in addition to its other popular searches.

Students also can search for research materials and books in the library through databases available on Western Libraries' Web site without leaving their dorm rooms.

But Western libraries have made changes to accommodate the different methods of research and have tried to keep students coming.

The decrease in students searching through library book stacks has caused some teachers to worry about the quality of students' research.

A study conducted in May 2004 by researchers at the University of Illinois showed 42 percent of professors had seen a decline in the quality of students' work because of the Internet, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education. About 22 percent of the professors surveyed said they had seen an improvement.

The Internet has created a more accessible research tool, and it's used regularly by students, Provost Barbara Burch said. But it doesn't offer all the "opportunities that traditional research does."

"Many times students don't realize what they take from the Internet needs to be attributed to sources," she said.

Online resources are still great tools, but they won't replace the need for library resources, she said.

"The number of students coming to the library began declining in the 1990s when students began having access to the Internet in their dorm rooms," said Bryan Carson, coordinator of reference and instructional services for university libraries.

Students used to come to the library to use journals and databases that are now available online, he said.

Google and other Internet searches, as well as online databases are becoming the most popular way for students to do research.

"The number one problem is too many students depend on Internet sources to a great degree," History Department Head Richard Weigel said.

Papers sometimes aren't as thoroughly researched as in the past, Weigel said.

Students need to learn how to better analyze the credibility of their sources, Carson said.

"There are reliable Web sites out there that should be used, but they should be used in conjunction with journals, books and other resources," he said.

Bowling, Green senior Emily Jensen said she usually goes to the library to study and do homework between classes, but does most of her research on the Internet.

"Right now you can find everything online," she said.

Jensen, an exercise science major, said her professors don't mind the Internet research, as long as the source is accredited.

But not all students use the Internet as their only research method.

Glasgow junior Drew Shirley said he prefers to use books over any other source.

"Most of the professors don't want you to use Internet sources," he said.

Shirley said he used electronic sources about 10 percent of the time. He said he thought people didn't use the library enough.

Western libraries have attempted to bring students back to the bookshelves.

The number of people going to the library has increased due to additions the library has made, said Brian Coutts, head of the department of library public services.

The computer lab in Helm Library was created about 10 years ago and has attracted many students on the Hill, he said. It is the second largest lab on campus with more than 100 computers. The library also was the first building on campus to become wireless and checks out laptop computers to its patrons.

The creation of Java City in Helm about five years ago also keeps students coming to the library, Coutts said.

The changing climate in

technology also has caused the library to change the way it operates.

Western's Interactive Live Library Service is a program created so students can ask librarians questions about research from their dorm room through online chatting.

The librarian can send a specific Web page to the student's computer, and the student can see how the librarian navigates through the page.

Western libraries were among the first in Kentucky to have a Web site, and it is one of the largest, Coutts said. He added that Western also has the third largest amount of electronic databases of Kentucky universities.

Coutts said the library is looking into blogging. It would show resources the library has that people usually wouldn't get to see, such as collections of quilts, furniture and tea sets from the Kentucky Museum.

"We have a vast array of stuff that I think people would like to know more about," Coutts said.

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"The number one problem is too many students depend on Internet sources to a great degree."

— Richard Weigel
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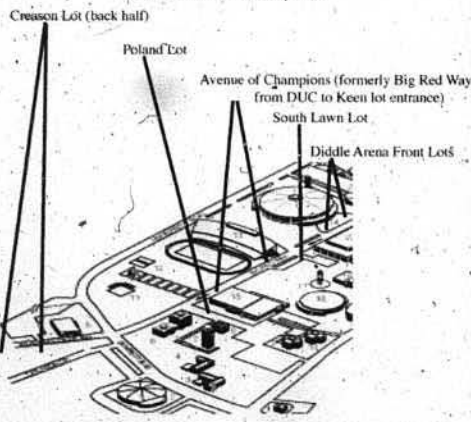
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EDITORIAL

Laissez-faire

Gasoline prepay is good, but it shouldn't be forced by government

Drive-offs have plagued the service station industry for years, but rising gas prices have made that crime even more tempting lately.

Bill Waltrip, chief of the Bowling Green police, said 500 incidents have been reported this year. This accounts for 7 percent of Bowling Green's crime rate. About 100 of those cases actually made it to court, and 19 offenders were prosecuted.

Prepay at the pump is a viable solution.

At first it will be annoying to those drivers who prefer to fill to the brim and pay whatever it costs rather than set a limit prior to pumping. They'll have to make a few extra trips inside because they overpaid or underpaid.

Wasted time is one of the most common arguments against prepay at the pump.

Time is a commodity most people don't have enough of, but there is a way service stations could implement prepaying without wasting those precious minutes.

Install cash acceptors at the pump.

They would work similarly to the self-service check-out lines seen at local stores.

The driver could walk up to the pump and insert the desired amount of money. If he or she overpays, the cash acceptor could just return the change when the driver hangs up the pump. If he or she underpays, the cash acceptor would be more a convenient alternative to going inside to pay more.

Prepaying may be the best solution to the drive-off problem, but any legislation to force service stations to comply is the wrong way to go about it.

This country has done well with its laissez-faire government, so why should Bowling Green be the city to try and change what's worked for so long?

There is an invisible hand that guides the American marketplace. Having too many hands in the pot is bound to upset the gourmet meal that's cooking.

Business owners aren't stupid.

The crime rate may not be their focus where drive-offs are concerned, but they definitely take notice of the bottom



dollar. If they are losing money they will do something about it, because it's of personal interest to them. There's no need to subject these owners to fines in order to force compliance.

Service stations in other cities have switched over to prepay gas, because it is what is best for them economically. Bowling Green business owners aren't slouches. They'll do what is needed to rectify the drive-off situation. The government shouldn't pressure them by interfering in the free marketplace. Instead, it should allow the owners to do things on their own time and in their own terms.

This editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald's nine-member board of student editors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The mindset of some women is appalling

I very much appreciate that those on your staff are so dedicated to freedom of speech that they felt it appropriate to publish the honest, compassionate, and (clearly) very relevant opinion of Miss Jessica's I'm-a-sissy. It is with this warm feeling of confidence that I choose to take equal advantage of our lovely First Amendment to reply to her letter.

I was reading my freshly-pointed copy of the Herald when an article of the most demeaning and self-centered nature caught my eye. In my opinion, which is obviously not as enlightened nor worldly as Miss Jessica's, it's appalling the mindset of some young women today. It screams insecurity when someone will go to such lengths to press their shallow, contemptible views on others, simply for the purpose of seeming wittier or superior.

It still baffles me why so many young women are plagued with eating disorders and image obsession when there are so many supportive, kind individuals not there willing to condescend and offer them criticism and judgment via mass distributed forms of communication.

I can't express my true opinions here, for fear of using language unsuitable. Needless to say I feel Miss Jessica would likely find her time better spent focusing on improving her journalistic skills than she wastes on the gratuitous instead of casting aspersions on the choices of others.

Elizabeth McDonough
Senior

The tearing down of Snell Hall is tragic

It devastates me to hear that Snell Hall, a beautiful and important piece of Bowling Green and Western history, is being torn down! Here we are, celebrating our centennial and reflecting on 100 years of history and tradition, and yet this institution still insists on destroying its own heritage in the name of progress. This building is a brilliant example of Italian Renaissance architecture and the possibilities of its classrooms and auditoriums could be of endless significance to the Western community if its historical foundations were not enough to save it.

The tragic trend in this nation is to plow over our past in order to make a

name for the future. The problem is that we then forget our heritage, traditions and foundations. It is worth \$4 million to save a piece of our university's history, especially when we've probably spent that much just to plant flowers on College Heights Boulevard and to lay sod over the Grise Hall lot?

As a Kentucky taxpayer, I would gladly have the state and the university spend my money if it meant saving this historic building. Sadly, most of my fellow students and citizens don't share my reverence for our past. And until they do, we will continue to lose important landmarks. And that's the true tragedy of Snell Hall.

Skytar Jordan
sophomore
Helen

Jessica needs defense

Jessica only wanted to point out that people in general sometimes don't give any thought to what they wear. Obviously, a great many of you agreed with this, as the majority of the letters printed started with "I agree, but..." and then would devolve into name calling, self-righteous ruminations, and my personal favorite, the argument about how skinny girls wear revealing clothing all the time. The fallacy of this argument is as obvious as the pink elephant in the corner everyone avoids: skinny girls usually look good in revealing clothes. There, I said it, and I'm proud.

Hold on there, angry letter writer, before you flame me in next week's Herald, that's not to say heavy-set people can't look good or that skinny girls always look good in revealing clothes. I think the core of the issue Jessica tried to get at is simply a matter of tackiness.

See, we all dress differently and we all have fashion fables that aren't perfect. There's the guys that wear their pants around their ankles, as if they are doing the world a favor by showing us their skinny (explicit). There's the girls, once again fat or skinny, that wear "short shorts with the word 'juicy' printed on their butt as if advertising an anal leakage problem (or a variety of other icky butt-related problems).

Last but not least, there's me. I'm not the greatest dresser by far. I'm sure you've seen me walking around campus with my swanky Super-Mario shirt that proudly states, "I'm a geek! Don't date me." We all have a sense

of fashion that might appeal to some people, but not everyone. But variety is definitely the spice of life. I mean, if we all dressed the same, we'd all be in a fraternity sorority.

So, I think I've just about offended everyone, but know it was done in love and for the sake of comedy. Learn to laugh at yourself, because you know there's always going to be somebody to do it for you.

Craig Williams
senior
Russellville

Shame on those who booed Coach Elson

The people who booed Coach Elson at the Western/Eastern football game on Sept. 10 should be ashamed of themselves.

How anyone can boo such an outstanding young man and coach is beyond me. He has led Western to playoff games in each of his three years as head coach.

These people should not only apologize, but leave coaching to the coach. By the way, Western won the game.

Walter Ivie
Bowling Green

Help is near

There is the old adage that when in the woods and something detrimental happens, the remedy is only a few feet away. When bad things happen in nature, there is a cure to relieve it just a reach away. The trick is knowing what to look for and where.

Sometimes back I experienced a setback for a third time without the monetary assistance to fix it. I knew what I needed. I just didn't know how I was going to obtain it.

I decided to pursue a source, which led me to another source that had helped me in the past the second time I experienced the said setback. Despite my lack of financial standing, the help was still available in what I could make possible payments on, plus additional free assistance.

So, in most problems that arise, the remedy is close by, or the first step of it, just under the surface. All it takes is the right amount of uncovering.

Food for thought, on a positive plate.

Thomas W. Elam
Pikeville

These are the Herald's views on the good, the bad and the slightly unattractive.



Hurricane season is horrible this year. The people in Louisiana and the gulf don't need Hurricane Rita to bring more devastation.



Hooray for the opening of Hilltop Cafe. There's nothing like being close to campus when sipping those longnecks down.



Congratulations goes out to the men's soccer team for capturing the PUMA Classic championship at Vanderbilt.



Tip to the pilot and all those involved with the emergency landing of JetBlue flight 292. Averting disaster is always a positive thing.



Good job! Lady Topper volleyball players for winning their eighth straight Lady Topper Invitational.

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Campus life

PFT to get new roof; other repairs to come

BY AMBER COULTER
Herald reporter

Pearce-Ford Tower residents are getting a new roof to replace one that has outlived its usefulness, but other renovations in the dorm may be longer in coming.

The current roof, which has a small leak, has served past its life-span and must be replaced soon, said Brian Kuster, director of Housing and Residence Life. A roof replacement will probably take place in the spring, Kuster said.

But other major renovations

to the dorm, such as redesigning the lobby and common areas, won't happen for at least two years.

The roof replacement should cost about \$300,000 of the Student Life Foundation's income from housing fees, Kuster said.

Attentiveness to the aging roof has so far stopped major problems, Kuster said.

He said PFT, which was constructed in 1971, hasn't been substantially renovated since 1995 when the lobby was remodeled, the second floor

was carpeted and electronic devices and switches were replaced in elevator cars.

Kuster wasn't at Western when the project was completed, but he said it cost several million dollars.

Christi McKeown, a sophomore from Tallahassee, Fla., said she hasn't been affected by problems with the roof in her 23rd floor room.

But hall leaders recommended that McKeown pile her belongings onto her bed during heavy rains early this month in case the hall flooded.

Paris sophomore Ben Monarch said he's glad the roof is being replaced, but other projects should take priority.

"I think they should renovate the rooms before they mess with the roof, unless it's really bad like it was down here," he said, gesturing to the recently-flooded first floor.

PFT's eventual renovation plans include renovating the bathrooms and the second and 27th floor common rooms, Kuster said.

The project hasn't been planned and has no set funding

or timeline, he said. It will be two or three years before a major renovation, though the project is on Western's master plan of goals for the university.

Funding for the renovation would also come from housing fees, Kuster said.

Kuster said the improvements listed on the master plan, including those planned for PFT, must be considered along with other campus life and academic needs.

"It's really larger than just renovating a building," he said. "It's trying to figure out what

types of programs and what types of students you want in that building to further the campus mission."

The first PFT renovation will be softening the lobby's appearance by putting up a more attractive feature than the existing concrete wall, Kuster said.

There may also be a lift put in at the 26th floor because the elevator stops there and makes the 27th floor inaccessible for wheelchairs, he said.

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Education

State lotto to benefit students

BY KELLY RICHARDSON
Herald reporter

State legislators want students to be winners in the state lottery.

The Kentucky Lottery is putting all of its proceeds into education programs. They will go to the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship program, the College Access Program and the Kentucky Tuition Grant.

Funds also will be put into two literacy programs, one for adults and one for children, said Sara Westernman, a communications specialist for the lottery.

Money from lottery revenue went to Kentucky higher education in the past, but this is the first year all of the funds will be used.

The legislation to put state lottery into higher education was made in 1998 and put into effect in 1999. The plan was set up so the percentage of proceeds going to education programs would increase gradually until all the money was going into the programs, Westernman said.

The legislation was set up

this way so all of the money wasn't taken out of the general fund at once, which would cause other programs to be cut, said Sen. Tim Shaughnessy, D-Louisville.

Shaughnessy supported the legislation because he wanted to encourage students to do better in school and to go to college. He also wants to keep good students in Kentucky.

In the 2005 fiscal year, which runs from July 1 to June 30, about 6,200 KEEES awards were given to Western students, which totaled \$8.4 million. In the same fiscal year, about 3,600 CAP awards were given to Western students, which totaled \$4.2 million, Westernman said.

KEES, which is money given to Kentucky students who earn good grades, receives 45 percent of the funds, while CAP and KTG receive 55 percent.

CAP is need-based scholarships given to undergrad students, KTG is need-based scholarships given to students attending independent schools.

President Gary Ransdell said

using the lottery proceeds for the programs is admirable and it justifies having a state lottery.

"You might debate the existence of a lottery, but it's hard to debate the use of lottery proceeds for education," he said.

Joe McCormick, the executive director of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, said the money helps the programs because there is a specific funding source.

But programs can be hurt if the money from the lottery becomes insufficient, McCormick said. Then it will be difficult to receive more money from the legislators, he said.

The children's literacy program, Read to Achieve, receives \$1.8 million, and the adult literacy program, the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development, receives \$1.2 million, Westernman said.

The lottery funds will continue to support these programs until the legislature says otherwise, Westernman said.

"I don't see any changes in the foreseeable future," she said.

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WALK: Some lights darkened

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"How about we get rid of this and just put a light here?" Tice said.

The group said the Valley and most of the bottom of the Hill were safe areas.

"The Valley looks good," Tice said. "It's a lot lighter than it was last year."

The safety walk participants also checked for areas that have the potential for accidents.

Kara Ratliff, SGA chief of staff, said the road between Cherry Hall and the Faculty House could be dangerous.

There should be a caution sign there, she said.

Brian Kuster, director of

Housing and Residence Life, said Pearce-Ford Tower has lights on the top of the building that should illuminate the ground.

But about 15 lights on each side of PFT were not turned on, Kuster said.

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News Brief

Drunk man arrested after public urination

A man who was urinating outside of Keen Hall during the Campus Safety Walk was arrested Tuesday night for alcohol intoxication, Campus Police Chief Robert Deane said.

Deane, other administrators and students were on the walk looking for safety problems on

the Hill when they spotted Wesley Smith, 18, of Portland, Tenn., urinating on a tree in front of Keen.

Smith had 12 beers before the incident and was arrested and charged with first degree alcohol intoxication, according to the police report.

Smith was taken to Warren County Regional Jail and released for time served.

Deane and other administrators questioned the man before the police arrived at the scene.

The group participating in the safety walk included Howatt Bailey, dean of student life; Gene Tice, vice president of student affairs and campus services and Student Government Association president Katie Dawson.

-Alex Fontana

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Campus life

Card readers frustrate students

By Amber Coulter
Herald reporter

Owensboro junior Lauren Johnson pulled out her student ID to pay for two loads of laundry, but nothing happened when she swiped it through the card reader.

She spent the next 10 minutes searching her room and begging friends for the \$3.50 to do her laundry. She had planned on deducting the amount from her Big Red dollars.

Johnson, a Bemis Lawrence Hall resident assistant, said she hears many complaints from her residents who have had similar face-offs with the card readers.

"It makes it difficult to do laundry when the coin machine is empty, and the card reader doesn't work," she said. "It's like something that's supposed to be convenient really isn't."

Many students are annoyed by the card machines. The malfunctions are caused by severed com-

munications lines and other technical problems on the Hill.

But the technical support staff and vendors are trying to fix the machines as quickly as they break down.

The machines, which are attached to vending machines and the walls of laundry rooms, allow students to use money on their Western accounts to pay for snacks and laundry.

Sherry Blanton, auxiliary services operations manager, said the number of problems with the card readers at Western has been average. But problems have increased, overall, because of campus construction, she said.

John Osborne, vice president of campus services and facilities, said problems with server communication lines contribute to the broken machines.

All card readers are linked by communications lines to a central server in the ID center, he said.

The server automatically adjusts users' accounts when they use their cards.

There have been more problems with the server during increased construction when communication lines are sometimes accidentally cut.

There are usually more difficulties with the self-service card readers, such as those in laundry rooms and vending machines, because there are so many of them, and they are more prone to vandalism, Blanton said.

"When your chips get stuck, you want to take it out on the machine, and they get jammed against the wall," she said.

The length of time card readers remain broken and who is responsible for fixing them depends on the problem, Blanton said.

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Alumni

Program plans to reach legacies

By Kelly Richardson
Herald reporter

The term "legacy" is typically reserved for societies and fraternities. But the WKU Alumni Association wants to extend it to all children of alumni.

The Alumni Association is starting a program this spring that will hopefully encourage children of alumni to attend Western.

The Legacy Program includes sending Western promotional items to children and keeping Western in their lives as they get older.

The program begins at birth and runs until the child is 18, said Ginny Hersley, the associate director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving.

Donald Smith, executive director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, said he thinks the program has a lot of potential.

"We want people to view this as a lifelong relationship, not just a college decision," he said.

The idea for the program came up about a year ago and will probably be available in January.

Hersley said. Legacy children receive a red towel with their name on it at birth, along with a congratulations letter.

The children will have received a growth chart, a backpack with a good luck note and a piggy-bank with a note about saving for college.

Legacy children will receive one of their most important gifts when they turn 10. They receive a T-shirt, a football ticket and free games at Downing University Center.

This will be Western's first attempt to get the child on campus, Hersley said.

Hersley said studies have shown that the first campus potential students visit is the one they will most likely attend.

The children will then get a "sweetheart" car decal and the chance to attend a Focus on Western event by the time they are 17.

Hersley said there is a possibility of a \$1,000 scholarship offered to Legacy participants who have been in the program for at least 10 years and meet the grade point average requirement, but the plans

haven't been finalized. Legacy participants also will receive a birthday card every year and a book about the Western spirit when they sign up, Hersley said.

Julie Hannah-Allen, a 1993 graduate of Western, started a company called SPIRIT LLC which is partnering with Western for the program. Allen is creating the book, the growth chart, the car decal, the birthday card and the logo for the program.

Hannah-Allen said she wants the book to get families to read together, along with encouraging alumni to share their Western memories with their children and reconnect with the university.

Hannah-Allen said this was a way for her to give back to Western.

"I learned a lot as a person as well as a student because of my experiences at Western," she said.

Alumni Association members pay \$25 a year in dues. It costs \$10 a year to include their child in the Legacy program, Hersley said.

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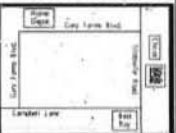


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money the state receives for the next two years if its current level doesn't change, Hicks said.

Along with Medicaid and prison, health insurance and pension programs require more funding, Hicks said.

Ramsdell said he doesn't know what to expect with the next state budget. He said Western has a reason to be encouraged because of the state revenue, but could also be discouraged because of the potential budget problems.

"So before higher education can even take a seat at the state budget table, the positive revenue has been consumed by deficits in state programs," he said.

Ramsdell said higher education is as important as the other programs.

Jay Blanton, the spokesman

for the University of Kentucky, said the money in the state's higher education is an investment in the state's future.

Blanton said the last state budget, which provided quite a bit of funding for universities, shouldn't happen just once.

Rep. Rob Wilkey, D-Scottsville, said there are significant budgetary problems. After running the budget over the past four years, he said he doesn't know of additional ways to cut it. He said he thinks the Kentucky General Assembly should find other sources of revenue, such as raising taxes or gaming.

"Any further neglect of education, elementary, secondary and post-secondary, is irresponsible and that's not an option," he said.

Sen. Brett Guthrie, R-Bowling Green, said the general assembly could be very limited in their

budget decisions because of the expenses the state must pay.

"My personal opinion is that we have to take a look at restructuring Medicaid to where we can support higher education," he said.

There are more people in Medicaid than in kindergarten through 12th grade, he said.

Guthrie said it seems unfair that children can't get an education and people with Medicaid have a "Cadillac health plan."

Gov. Ernie Fletcher will propose his budget in January and then the House and Senate will each make their own budget. The House and Senate will make a new budget, which will be approved by all three.

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Hurricane relief

Students in National Guard called to help

BY KELLY RICHARDSON
Herald reporter

Western is helping students traveling south aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Several students in the National Guard have been called to help with relief efforts for Hurricane Katrina and may have to end their semester less than a month after it began.

But Western will allow those students to withdraw without causing much harm to their academic careers.

About five students have contacted the Registrar's office to withdraw, Registrar Freida Eggleston said.

The amount of time the students will be gone varies, said Cindy Burnette, the director of Student Financial Assistance. Students who will be gone for only a few weeks are encouraged to work with their professors to make up the work after they return.

Students who have been called up for more than a few weeks or for an unknown period of time have to file a military withdrawal. If students file a military

withdrawal, they are still entitled to their scholarships when they return, and they shouldn't lose any other financial aid they were using, Burnette said.

Students must bring a copy of their orders to the Registrar's office to file a military withdrawal, Eggleston said.

Students in the military also won't be on academic probation, like many students are who withdraw during the semester, she said.

It will be possible for students in the National Guard to receive tuition reimbursement as well, Burnette said. They typically go on a case-by-case basis, and it really depends on when the withdrawal happened.

Burnette said she has seen cases where students have been reimbursed 100 percent of their tuition, she said.

The financial aid office will work to make withdrawing as small a liability as possible for students, she said.

Along with financial aid and tuition representatives, students must work with Schella Smith, the veteran's affairs coordinator, to continue receiving their VA

benefits, which is money military students receive every month, Smith said.

Western established a formal policy for the withdrawal of military students in 1999 after students were called to serve in Yugoslavia, Eggleston said.

Western had 56 students who were called for the first few months of the Iraq War in the spring of 2003, Eggleston said.

"The university is proud of our students who are members of the National Guard and all branches of the military," Eggleston said. "During a national crisis such as the devastation from Hurricane Katrina, we want to support those students who are called to assist with recovery efforts."

Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast as a Category 4 hurricane on Aug. 29, causing massive amounts of flooding and damage to the region, mostly in Louisiana and Mississippi, according to usatoday.com. New Orleans Mayor C-Ray Nagin has estimated the death toll in New Orleans alone could be up to 10,000.

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GAS: Drive-offs made harder

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Public safety was the number one factor taken into consideration, Walker said. Bowling Green has a chance to squash 7 percent of its crime by passing this legislation, she said.

"We have an chance to completely eradicate a crime from our city," Walker said. "I don't see how we could pass on such an opportunity."

According to a police report, gas retailers lose an average of \$29.90 per drive-off, which would total about \$26,800 in extra taxes in 2005.

"It is true nobody's been hurt yet," Nash said. "But it is the 'yet' that gets me. Why allow the chance of something to happen?"

The passing of this law also will free up a lot of police time to focus on more serious crimes, such as murder and armed robbery, he said.

Police spend an average of an hour and 15 minutes han-

dling drive-offs, according to the police reports.

In 2005 police could spend 1,148 hours dealing with drive-offs if this trend continues.

Alcott said the passing of the ordinance is more than just a public safety issue.

"It's a change in the life of Bowling Green that is unnecessary," he said.

Strow, who is also an assistant economics professor, said the commission is overstepping its boundaries and entering the private sector.

"If it was good for business, then the gas stations would have already made the switch themselves," Strow said.

He said the commission is just shifting the burden of the crime to the gas station owner. "We are basically punishing the innocent," Strow said.

He said a person who doesn't have a credit card will have to go into the station and guess how much it will cost to fill their gas tank. There is a good chance the

customers will have to make three or four trips before they get it right, Strow said.

"If people feel hassled when they fill up in Bowling Green, they are just going to take their business elsewhere," he said.

Nashville senior Torlin Torgerson said the gas station closest to her house back home only has pre-pay pumps, so she wouldn't have any problems with the change.

"I know how much gas it takes me to drive to places, so I'll always carry enough cash to get me there," she said.

It might cause a few people inconveniences if they have to make trips in and out of the gas station if they don't pump the right amount, Torgerson said. "I think the law is a good idea, but I don't know if drive-offs are really a problem in Bowling Green," she said.

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News brief

Celebration to highlight authors

Western will celebrate Kentucky authors of the past and present and recognize some possible ones for the future at a celebration in October.

The Jim Wayne Miller Celebration of Writing will take place at 2 p.m. on Oct. 16 in Room 103 of Garrett Conference Center. The event is free and open to the public.

The celebration will feature a reading of "A Feast of Words" by fiction writer Sallie Bingham. She will also read from her collection of short stories, "Transgressions," and from her upcoming book, "Cory's Feast." A reception and a book signing will follow.

Finalists and winners of the annual Jim Wayne Miller writing contest also will be announced at the event.

The celebration first took place in 1997 in honor of


Miller, a professor of German at Western from 1963 until his death in 1996. He was a poet, fiction writer and essayist. He also taught summer writing workshops throughout the Appalachian region.

Bingham was once the editor of the Courier-Journal book review page and founded three foundations to promote the work of female artists.

—Samantha Hopmann

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What's your story

Internal search brings individuality

BY TAVIA GREEN
Herald reporter

The 20-year-old Chicago junior started growing his hair out three years ago so people could tell him and his brother apart, and so he could have what he always wanted. His own identity.

With his hair neatly braided and decorated with beads, Wilson said many people now identify him as being him, not one of a pair.

"Growing up as a twin... It's pretty rough," Wilson said. "Everybody expects you to be the same. Me and my brother are like night and day. He's more outgoing, and I'm a little more low key and laid back."

Wilson, an accounting major, said

besides their looks, he and his twin shared dress styles and friends, but Wilson said coming to Western has helped them live separate lives.

"I always wanted people to call me by my first name instead of 'twin,'" he said. "I don't mind it, but I like people to know me as Marquis."

Looking back at his two years on the Hill, Wilson said his fears of being a loner have disappeared.

He's become more sociable and has been dating Louisville junior Angela Madsen for two years.

Madsen said when she met Wilson, he was very quiet but soon became more involved on campus and met more people.

Since they've been dating, she said,

he's opened her eyes to a lot of things.

"He taught me how to be an individual, a strong woman and to love myself," Madsen said.

When Wilson's not spending time with his girlfriend, he's working at the help desk in Garrett Conference Center, reading or writing poetry.

"He's very talented," Madsen said. "He could write a book if he wanted."



Marquis Wilson

light of a dog or a jumper.

But Wilson said he is nothing like that. "It still hurts, but I keep walking and try to keep my head up high and not worry about it," he said.

Chicago junior Darrien Burrell said Wilson can be a professional but also one of the boys.

Madsen said Wilson will always be put into that stereotype as long as there are ignorant people. But she said one conversation with him will prove he is an intelligent black male.

Wilson's goals are graduating on time, working for the federal government as an accountant and eventually owning his own accounting firm.

Right now, Wilson said he is enjoying his 20th year of life.

"Making it to age 20 is good for me," he said.

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Column

Columnist clueless for ideas

JUST SAYIN'
Amber North

I'm in a bind.

I don't know what to do or what to say.

I can't stop thinking about it. The symptoms are itchy, headaches, overthinking and more headaches.

The diagnosis? Writer's block. Or for those who aren't writers, this would be called a "brain fart."

It's like when you're trying to decide what to wear before you go to class. Nothing seems to fit you, the way you can't find that other shoe to go along with the outfit, so you take off your clothes and write for hours and a toe, topped off with sleep.

Not to mention your hair is all jacked up. Lately, it's been Scent City for me. For guys, that's City.

And with this column it's definitely

"jeans-and-tee-and-scarf."

That's the curse of having an occupation in which you have to be witty and write good stuff to keep the folks reading.

I'm always coming up with ideas, man. I think enough to have a semester's worth of column topics. I thought of screenwriter Charlie Kaufman ("Being John Malkovich" and "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind"). He was having writer's block trying to adapt Susan Orleans' "The Orchid Thief," so instead, he incorporated in "Adaptation," the process he goes through while trying to adapt the book.

I thought, "If Charlie Kaufman did it, so will I!"

Surely, you just, grasshopper.

Yes, it's a great living a column, but it can get pretty crazy at times, especially when you're a non-writer writer like myself.

It's like being a star basketball player shooting 0.34 from the field. Or like a great musician having a bad performance. Can't be perfect.

The only difference is I'm not a star or great. So, it's not like that at all.

I was reading an article from last week's "New York Times" about the highly-grossed documentary "March of the Penguins" and how it got a huge conservative following.

It was even compared to "Passion of the Christ." The penguins' way of life was a good model for humans because it shows the importance of monogamy and intelligent design, the article said.

It was interesting, so I thought about writing on that.

I was flabbergasted. Surely, the conservatives didn't wussel their way into writing a documentary about FREAKIN' PENGUINS into some morality issue.

Boy, the world we live in.

But I realized I'd sound too much like an angry political pundit and my column would be a rant with lots of caps letters and excessive exclamation points. I'll leave that to Dennis Miller.

So I've wasted another 10 inches about nothing. This is just a reminder that I'm not a genius. What a crushing blow to my ego.

Just consider this my "bye-bye" week and act like this never existed. Thank you.

Amber's too Charlie Kaufman. What a rip-off.

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Hurricane relief

Local restaurants unite to help Katrina victims

BY MEGAN VENZIN
Herald reporter

Local restaurants offered relief for hungry Western students and Hurricane Katrina victims this week.

Mariah's donated 100 percent of its proceeds to hurricane victims Monday, while Buckhead Cafe did the same Tuesday.

Together, they raised more than \$30,000 for the American Red Cross.

Many customers waited more than 30 minutes for a table at Mariah's Monday.

Madisonville sophomore Jennifer Sherman said one of the reasons that she went to Mariah's was to support the victims of Katrina.

Sherman said she thought it was a good chance for people to enjoy themselves and donate at the same time.

The idea for the fund-raiser began two weeks after Mariah's and Buckhead Cafe owner Rick Kelley noticed several restaurants in Bowling Green were donating 10 percent of their day's profit to Katrina victims, said general manager Jody Fleming.

Employees of Mariah's and Buckhead

Cafe also donated their time to work during the fund-raiser. None of the workers were paid at either location. All of the money, including tips, was donated directly to the Red Cross.

Bowling Green sophomore Jessie Lyle, a hostess at Mariah's, was happy to volunteer her time.

"We all wanted to do something," she said. "It's great that we can all come together."

Both locations had a large customer response, keeping heavy customer flow at the restaurants. Tim Goad, assistant general manager at Mariah's, said the combined efforts of the customers and workers made the project a success.

Mariah's collected more than \$18,000 Monday night, he said.

Goad explained the goal of the locations was to raise \$30,000. Buckhead Cafe's collection on Tuesday put it over that mark.

The Red Cross was presented with the proceeds yesterday.

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International food stores cater to different tastes

By A. LAYNE STACKHOUSE
Herald reporter

Kumar Munaswamy, a graduate student from India, likes to cook when he has the time. One of his favorite meals, chicken biryani, is an Indian dish made with rice, chicken and other spices. But the recipe's ingredients can't always be found in a typical American grocery store.

Munaswamy goes to the Asian Super Market off Broadway Avenue to find ingredients he can't find elsewhere. There he can find spices, rice and grains, as well as other ingredients to prepare home-cooked meals from India.

"It's pretty much the same in India, not the same quality, but close enough," he said about the store.

Robin Borczon, director of International Services, said there were about 550 international students last semester.

Many of those students who cook at home must shop at specialty grocery stores to find ingredients for their meals.

Miguel Villegas, a senior from Mexico, shops at Mercado Hispano, located off Woodford Avenue, to find more unique ingredients.

"Most of the foods we prepare have specific tastes that American brands don't have but Latino brands do," Villegas said.

Many students shop at these stores for spices that embody their own culture's distinct tastes.

From vanilla extract to Rebanaditas pepper candy,

Villegas said he's satisfied with the selection of foods available to him in Bowling Green.

Borczon said students can find most cooking ingredients locally.

But Borczon said students often have trouble finding rare, more delicate spices to cook with.

She said many students go to Nashville, while others rely on the Internet.

Nadia De Leon, a junior from Panama, said she likes to cook Argentinian food. She uses the Internet and Wal-Mart to find more international foods.

Wal-Mart carries many Latin American spices and a wide selection of peppers. It also carries soup mixes, flour tortilla mix, Mexican hot chocolate and other products.

Jason Slaughter, lead produce assistant at Wal-Mart on Campbell Lane, said many people buy exotic fruits and vegeta-

bles as well. Roma tomatoes, jalapeno peppers, tomatillas, bean sprouts, mangoes and papayas are just a few of the produce products that international students and shoppers buy, Slaughter said.

Mubarak Alawag, a freshman from Yemen, also has trouble finding ingredients in Bowling Green. He said he often goes to Nashville to find specific ingredients, such as sweet bread, spices and meat.

"I can't get meat in Bowling Green, but there are Muslim stores in Nashville that I can shop at because they kill the sheep differently," Alawag said, with reference to his Muslim beliefs.

Most international students seem satisfied with the availability of international foods in Bowling Green.

"I would like to find more familiar brands, but I can usually find everything I need," Villegas said.

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Lavrenty sells meat to Daniel Nagomay, 46, a customer from Kiev, Ukraine.



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Safarov Lavrenty, 68, came to America from Russia in 1991. After moving around Kentucky for three years, he settled in Bowling Green. Once here, he and his wife opened Golden Key International Food Store.

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Men's soccer

Defense improves with new scheme

BY DAVID HARTEN
Herald reporter

The Western men's soccer team needed a defensive lift last season.

It was a season that gave up 37 goals in 17 games, an average of 2.13 goals per game.

Coach David Holmes said the defense got that lift during the off-season.

"Overall, we're healthy and injury free, as opposed to last year," Holmes said. "We weren't as deep on our defenders."

With a 3-2-1 record that includes three shutouts, defense has been a major factor in the Toppers' success this season.

Coming into the season, Western started using a new defensive scheme. The Toppers now use four defenders in the backfield. Last season, it used a three-back formation.

It's a system Holmes said the players are now well adjusted to.

"We changed the personnel around during the spring," he said. "Our guys got used to the new system and have had to adapt to it."

Senior midfielder Brian Kline said the new system has helped the team conserve energy.

"It's really helped having a fourth 'pay back,' Kline said. "It allows everyone to space out."

In addition to implementing the four-back defensive set, the Toppers are helping freshman defender Danny Wakelin get used to the system.

Wakelin said he is also having to adjust to a different style of soccer.

"In high school, the game was a lot slower," he said. "In college it's faster — you have to step your game up and play at everybody else's level."

Sophomore goalkeeper Kyle Schroeder has been solid this season.

Schroeder was named Missouri Valley Conference defensive player of the week Monday for the second time this season. He has recorded 22 saves and collected three shutouts.

Holmes said Schroeder has improved with some help in practice.

"Women's (soccer) assistant Matt Hawkey is also our goalkeepers' coach as well," Holmes said. "So Kyle gets that extra attention, which helps him get better."

Along with Hawkey's coaching, Schroeder said a number of factors have helped him this season.

Kline said the team's chemistry has also helped in the defensive improvement this season. He said it also helped that senior defender Clay McMillan and junior defender Wade Rourke played together all last season.

"The continuity's better, and Danny has played well," Kline said. "The midfield's picked it up, too."

McMillan said the defenders play with more than just physical



Nathan Morgan/Herald

Sophomore goalkeeper Kyle Schroeder was named Missouri Valley Conference's defensive player of the week for second time in three weeks.

ability and talent.

"It takes heart, and the back four has a lot of heart," McMillan said.

Holmes said experience has played a part, with the team playing five shutouts.

"We haven't really done anything different," McMillan said. "We practice on winning the individual battles. A lot of the time, that's what defending is all about."

The improvement has shown in the Toppers' first six games, with the team leading their opponents to an average of only one

goal per game. Western has not allowed more than two goals in five of the six games.

Holmes said the team will need its best defensive effort against Lipscomb.

"We're on a roll right now — the guys have a lot of confidence," he said. "Lipscomb is a good team, but we have been playing well this season, and we look to keep it going against Lipscomb."

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TEST: Tigers bring balanced attack

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averaging 60.3 yards per game on 25 carries. Junior tailbacks Brad Leuter and Trey Smith have combined for 79.7 yards on 38 carries.

Besides the rushing attack, Western cornerback will have to guard Auburn offense that has averaged 242 passing yards per game.

The Toppers were tested against the pass against longtime rival Eastern on Sept. 10. Western gave up 273 yards and three touchdowns through the air in the last-second 23-21 win over the Colonels.

But Western's bye week has given the Toppers time to make adjustments in the secondary. It also has provided time for injuries to heal.

"I think I can't take anything but help us," Elson said of the bye week. "We had a long pre-season camp and an emotional and physical game against Eastern Kentucky."

Senior linebacker Brandon Smith, who went out of the Eastern game with a groin injury, is still listed as day-to-day.

During the bye week, Western did something it hasn't done since 1980: it was ranked No. 1 during the regular season.

The Toppers moved into the top spot after previously-ranked No. 1 Southern Illinois lost to

Western Michigan on Saturday.

The Toppers have been ranked No. 1 during the regular season twice, but they play BCS schools on a "more regular basis."

Western faced Wisconsin in 2000 and Kansas State in 2002 and 2004. Although all four games against the BCS Conference teams resulted in a loss, it allowed Western to play the national stage.

"From a player's perspective and a program perspective, guys want to play against the best," Jordan-Hare Stadium. It was the largest crowd ever to see Western play.

The noise generated at Auburn has caused the Toppers to make some adjustments during practice.

Junior quarterback Justin Hadjis said the team played music over the audio system on the field during practice to get used to the noise of being in a hostile environment.

"We will play music and use signals because when they yell, it gets loud down there," Hadjis said with a laugh.

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Women's soccer

Friday foe knows Sun Belt competition

BY MIKE DUNCAN
Herald reporter

The Lady Toppers will host Missouri State (4-2-2) at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

"We're trying to have the same mentality every game as

we did against Cal Poly and UK," junior sweeper Jenna Silverberg said.

Western tied both No. 19 Cal Poly and Kentucky last weekend. Both games went 110 minutes after double-overtime.

"They're a really good team, and we're gonna expect to win," goalkeeper Meredith Goodson said about Missouri State.

Coach Jason Neidell said the long matches from last week were especially taxing.

"Right now, we're really tired," he said Tuesday. "It'll take until (Wednesday) night for us to recover."

Missouri State will be a good test in the final game before Sun Belt Conference play begins.

The Lady Bears are 2-0-1 against Sun Belt opponents this season.

Missouri State beat Arkansas State in overtime and Arkansas-Little Rock, 4-0. The Arkansas schools are Nos. 8 and 10, respectively, in the conference standings, with Western sandwiched in the middle at No. 9.

But what makes the Lady Bears a better test before conference play is a 1-1 double-overtime tie with North Texas. The Mean Green (5-2-2) sits

atop the Sun Belt standings.

"This is a great last non-conference game," Neidell said. "It's a great tuneup for us."

It will be the Lady Toppers' third game of a four-game home stand, their longest of the season.

"The home fans are an unbelievable advantage," Goodson said.

Goodson collected 14 saves against Cal Poly and seven against Kentucky. With the way Missouri State plays in low-scoring matches, her presence could be especially important Friday.

Missouri State was shutout in its only two losses of the season. The Lady Bears played to two 1-1 ties, and are undefeated in matches when they score two or more goals.

After Friday's match Western will have more than a week off before its Sun Belt opener at home against Middle Tennessee (5-3) Oct. 2.

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KELA: Towler's 23 aces paces team

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Fee chose the James Graham Brown Cancer Center because she and her husband trained at the University of Louisville medical school, she also was treated for her cancer in Louisville.

"We feel a close connection to the university," Fee said.

As an ob-gyn, Fee has diagnosed women with cervical, uterine and breast cancers. After being diagnosed with cancer herself, Fee said it "just gives you a much better understanding of that diagnosis and how it changes your life totally."

People can pledge money to Kela's Crew for every ace the team hits or can make a one-time donation. The final amount collected for Kela's Crew will probably be announced during halftime of a basketball game next semester, Flukton said.

Senior outside hitter Crystal Towler is leading the Lady Toppers with 23 aces. Raising money for cancer research was important to the team because of the impact cancer has had on some of the players' lives, she said.

"I think it's awesome," Towler said. "Fee's just an amazing person."

Towler also said being able to help someone in the community is nice.

Fee said she has not been to a game yet this season, but hopes to get to one soon.

She had her final surgery last week. Fee said she is looking forward to taking her sons, Alex, 6, and Baxter, 4, to a game or two after the recovery.

"Once you realize that all you have is today — that's what keeps

you hopeful and happy and at peace with the diagnosis, Fee said.

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Lady Tops win 9 in a row

The Lady Toppers swept Evansville Tuesday night (30-26, 30-26, 30-20). Western is now 13-1, while Evansville fell to 5-9.

Freshman middle-hitter Megan Agbright led the Lady Toppers with 17 kills.

Western next plays at home 7 p.m. Friday against Middle Tennessee (14-1) in the Lady Toppers' Sun Belt Conference opener.

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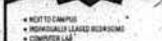
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Column

Auburn is wrong I-A opponent



PLAYGROUND NOTES
Michael Casagrande

It's late October and three truths are imminent. The foliage is dying its beautiful death, baseball has drama and the Western football team is preparing for The Paycheck Bowl.

The Hilltoppers' annual meeting with certain defeat will again include Auburn. The attractive paycheck no doubt lured Western to the public shaming.

When Western played Auburn in 2003, the \$400,000 check it received represented 22.5 percent of the \$1.8 million budget for the season.

While playing the Paycheck Bowl is almost as traditional as corruption in Frankfort, there has to be a more manageable I-A opponent out there.

Western doesn't need to look outside the SEC or even its own state to find a perceived top-level opponent that could pay the requisite fee.

We need to initiate three-way negotiations with Auburn and the Kentucky Wildcats to see if it isn't too late to switch opponents for Saturday's game.

Without the Toppers on the schedule, Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville won't have to listen to the critics. The Alabama media continues to slam Tuberville for scheduling a lower-level team that hurts the Tigers' chances of playing in a BCS bowl game.

Bradley Handegger, a sports columnist for the Decatur (Ga.) Daily is one such critic. His Sept. 17 column, entitled "Auburn hurts athletic program playing weaklings," proves the point.

The Tigers already delivered a swift kick to the Ball State Cardinals last week in a 63-3 win. Now they don't need the Toppers to repair their ego after a 23-14 season opening loss to Georgia Tech.

The benefits for Western are countless. The excitement of playing an SEC team will extend past the kickoff, unlike at Auburn. Instead of playing to prevent injuries, Western would be playing to win.

The ComeOutHutCats would not run the Toppers out of the stadium. They trailed Division I-AA Idaho State deep into the fourth quarter before sneaking out a 41-29 win. The same Idaho State that out gained Kentucky by 138 yards also failed to crack the top-25 of college football's minor leagues.

Eastern Kentucky had the right idea when it worked out a deal to play at Kentucky in 2007. While the Colonels landed the Cats on its extended calendar, Western has never played Kentucky on the football field.

Maybe our colleagues in Lexington are threatened by Western? They wouldn't wait to lose a home football game to Western like they lost to the Tupper basketball team in Rupp Arena in 2001.

Eastern must look less threatening, but the diehard core Toppers fan-base would travel just as well. The towel-toting Tupper fans could fill the seats of those who fell off the bandwagon when Hal Mumme left town.

Either way, it's a good deal for all parties but only if the price is right.

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Test looms on Plains



BY WES WATT
Herald reporter

Two games into the season, the Hilltoppers are getting ready to leave the comfort zone of Division I-AA football — temporarily.

At 1:30 p.m. Saturday, the Hilltoppers (2-0) travel to Southeastern Conference member Auburn (2-1). The game will be televised on NBC-40 (Insight channel 8).

This will be the second time the schools have met. In 2003, the Toppers lost 48-3 in Auburn.

"They're obviously a very talented football team," coach David

Elson said. "They are a lot different than what we saw two years ago. They graduated a lot of those players — a lot of them have moved on to the NFL."

Fifteen Auburn players have been drafted to the NFL since 2002. Offensive linemen Kendall Simmons, quarterback Jason Campbell, cornerback Ronnie Brown and tailbacks Ronnie Brown and Carnell Williams were taken in the first round.

Although Auburn is in a Bowl Championship Series conference and has produced many NFL players, coach Tommy Tuberville said

Toppers vs. I-A teams	
2007 @ Wisconsin	62-41
2002 @ Kansas State	2-48-1
2003 @ Auburn	3-48-1
2004 @ Kansas State	15-27-1
2005 @ Auburn	7-7

his team cannot overlook a team just because they are in Division I-AA.

"We've got to take care of ourselves," Tuberville said. "They had the last week off to prepare and I know we will get their best."

Auburn was ranked as high as

No. 15 in preseason polls but fell out of the rankings after losing to Georgia Tech 23-14 on Sept. 3.

After the season-opening loss to the Yellow Jackets, Auburn beat Mississippi State, 28-0 and Ball State, 63-3.

The victories have kept Auburn lurking just outside the Top 25. They are still receiving votes from both the Associated Press and USA Today polls.

The Tigers average 428 offensive yards per game with multiple weapons in the backfield. Junior tailback Kenny Irons leads the team

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Volleyball team does its part to fight cancer

BY BETH WILBERDING
Herald reporter

Dr. Kela Fee was having back pains.

She typically didn't have many health problems, but the pain was enough that she had her husband, Kirk, an orthopedist, arrange for her to have a magnetic resonance image made.

It was the decision that saved her life.

There was nothing wrong with her back — that pain would sub-

side a few days after the MRI — but the radiologist found some inflamed lymph nodes.

Fee, then 39, was diagnosed with stage four colorectal cancer. She had no family history of symptoms of the disease.

A few days after her October 2004 diagnosis, she began her first round of treatment.

Fee would go through six months of chemotherapy with four different drugs, six weeks of radiation and two surgeries.

A year after discovering the cancer, which has a low survival rate, Fee is in remission.

The Lady Topper volleyball team is doing something to honor

her fight and by raising money for cancer research with Kela's Crew.

The team is raising money through pledges and donations for every ace they hit this season for the James Graham Brown Cancer Center. They have hit 87 aces so far.

"She's someone who just really blew me away from the first time I met her," coach Travis Hudson said.

Fee was Hudson's wife, Cindy's, obstetrician/gynecologist during her pregnancy with the couple's 3-year-old son, Tyler. When the Hudsons learned about Fee's illness, they wanted to do something to help.

"I think basically everybody is

touched by cancer in some way," Cindy Hudson said.

Fee said the Hudsons approached her about Kela's Crew at the beginning of August.

"I'm just thrilled to be a part of it," Fee said. "It really gave me something to focus on."

She had been trying to find ways to contribute to cancer research. When she turned 40 in July, Fee asked people to donate money to the James Graham Brown Cancer Center instead of giving her gifts. They raised \$10,000.

That money will be contributed with the funds raised through

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Men's golf

Shaw wins invitational with final-round 69

BY JASON STAMM
Herald reporter

Despite breaking his 3-wood in the second of three rounds, senior Robby Shaw shot a 10-under-par 206 to capture the 2005 Kansas Invitational. The win was his third collegiate victory.

"It was just unbelievable," Shaw said. "I really hit it solid, and the only mistakes I really made were missing a green or something."

Shaw made only four bogeys during the three round tournament en route to shooting a final round 3-under-par 69. Shaw was two shots behind Kansas junior Gary Woodland going into the final round.

"Robby was very mentally disciplined," coach

Brian Tirpak said. "He kept the ball in play, kept himself in the game and just outlasted everyone."

The loss of Shaw's 3-wood made his win even more impressive, Tirpak said. The club had a splintered shaft before the tournament but Shaw had hoped it was on the outside of the club.

When Shaw pulled out the club after six holes in the second round, it was in two pieces.

"It definitely made it tough for him and forced him to lay back on holes," Tirpak said. "But he was still able to birdie one of the toughest holes on the course, a par five, without it."



ROBBY SHAW

Western finished fifth in the 17-team field with a 6-under-par 858. Kansas took home first place with a 12-under-par 852 followed by Tulsa and Louisiana-Monroe.

Junior Brent Long finished the tournament with a 2-over-par 218 that put him in a tie for 28th place.

Shaw also won the Kauai Collegiate cup last spring and the Penn State Rutherford Intercollegiate

in 2003. His final round 62 at Penn State set the school record for a single round score.

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